

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BLAKE LIVELY,

Plaintiff,

v.

WAYFARER STUDIOS LLC, JUSTIN BALDONI,
JAMEY HEATH, STEVE SAROWITZ, IT ENDS
WITH US MOVIE LLC, MELISSA NATHAN, THE
AGENCY GROUP PR LLC, JENNIFER ABEL, JED
WALLACE, and STREET RELATIONS INC.,

Defendants.
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: Civ. Action No. 1:24-cv-10049-LJL

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: **DEFENDANT STEVE SAROWITZ'S**
: **ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S SECOND**
: **AMENDED COMPLAINT AND JURY**
: **TRIAL DEMAND**

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JENNIFER ABEL,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

v.

JONESWORKS LLC,

Third-Party Defendant.
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Defendant Steve Sarowitz (“Defendant” or “Sarowitz”) hereby answers, for himself alone and no others, the Second Amended Complaint (“Complaint”) (Dkt. 520) filed by Plaintiff Blake Lively (“Plaintiff”) as follows:

THE COMPLAINT’S ALLEGATIONS

1. Answering the allegations in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

2. Answering the allegations in paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Justin Baldoni (“Baldoni”) is the co-chairman and co-founder of Wayfarer, and served as director

and actor in the lead role of Ryle Kincaid in the Film; and that Plaintiff Blake Lively (“Lively”) played the lead role of Lily Bloom in the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

3. Answering the allegations in paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni has written books, hosted podcasts, and delivered TED Talks relating to male advocacy for feminism. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

4. Answering the allegations in paragraph 4 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the quoted news articles contain the text quoted therein. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the articles and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

5. Answering the allegations in paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations that Lively and others have received threats. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

6. Answering the allegations in paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has engaged in any “retaliation campaign.” As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

7. Answering the allegations in paragraph 7 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

8. Answering the allegations in paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

9. Answering the allegations in paragraph 9 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

10. Answering the allegations in paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

11. Answering the allegations in paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegation that Baldoni or Heath engaged in inappropriate behavior. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

12. Answering the allegations in paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that Ange Gianetti (“Gianetti”) shared alleged concerns from a cast member to Wayfarer. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

13. Answering the allegations in paragraph 13 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni sent a text message acknowledging certain concerns by an actress on the Film and stating that they would be addressed appropriately. Defendant denies all remaining allegations, and specifically denies that the communication and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint, including to the extent that the Complaint suggests that the communication related to a complaint of sexual harassment or misconduct.

14. Answering the allegations in paragraph 14 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

15. Answering the allegations in paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Defendant admits production of the Film shut down for a time as a result of guild strikes, but denies that it shut down as of June 14, 2023. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

16. Answering the allegations in paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Wayfarer agreed to the document attached as Exhibit A to the Complaint. As to all remaining allegations in the paragraph, Defendant denies such allegations.

17. Answering the allegations in paragraph 17 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

18. Answering the allegations in paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegations that Wayfarer sent communications containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations relating to a communication purportedly sent by Gianetti to Lively. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the communications and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

19. Answering the allegations in paragraph 19 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a meeting took place on January 4, 2024. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

20. Answering the allegations in paragraph 20 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

21. Answering the allegations in paragraph 21 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that production of the Film resumed on January 5, 2024 and concluded on February 9, 2024; that the Film was completed, marketed, and released safely and successfully; and that the Film was successful. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

22. Answering the allegations in paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

23. Answering the allegations in paragraph 23 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

24. Answering the allegations in paragraph 24 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

25. Answering the allegations in paragraph 25 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

26. Answering the allegations in paragraph 26 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Steve Sarowitz is a co-founder and co-chairman of Defendant. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

27. Answering the allegations in paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

28. Answering the allegations in paragraph 28 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

29. Answering the allegations in paragraph 29 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Wayfarer retained Melissa Nathan and The Agency Group PR LLC. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

30. Answering the allegations in paragraph 30 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

31. Answering the allegations in paragraph 31 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

32. Answering the allegations in paragraph 32 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

33. Answering the allegations in paragraph 33 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

34. Answering the allegations in paragraph 34 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

35. Answering the allegations in paragraph 35 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

36. Answering the allegations in paragraph 36 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

37. Answering the allegations in paragraph 37 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

38. Answering the allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

39. Answering the allegations in paragraph 39 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

40. Answering the allegations in paragraph 40 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

41. Answering the allegations in paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

42. Answering the allegations in paragraph 42 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Lively demanded that Defendant issue a statement on or about August 12, 2024. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation that Nathan

sent communications containing the text set forth in that paragraph. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

43. Answering the allegations in paragraph 43 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

44. Answering the allegations in paragraph 44 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

45. Answering the allegations in paragraph 45 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation that a female cast member texted Lively on or about August 14, 2024 and that online hate and vitriol found its way onto various social media accounts. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

46. Answering the allegations in paragraph 46 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegations.

47. Answering the allegations in paragraph 47 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

48. Answering the allegations in paragraph 48 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

49. Answering the allegations in paragraph 49 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

50. Answering the allegations in paragraph 50 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegation that Lively sent Defendant a communication enclosing her administrative complaint to

the California Civil Rights Department on or about December 20, 2024. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

51. Answering the allegations in paragraph 51 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

52. Answering the allegations in paragraph 52 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

53. Answering the allegations in paragraph 53 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

54. Answering the allegations in paragraph 54 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

55. Answering the allegations in paragraph 55 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

56. Answering the allegations in paragraph 56 of the Complaint, Defendant admits Lively is an actress who co-starred in and served as an executive producer for the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

57. Answering the allegations in paragraph 57 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Wayfarer is a studio co-founded by Baldoni and Sarowitz; that Wayfarer is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in California; that no members of Wayfarer Studios are citizens of New York; that all of Wayfarer's members are citizens of California and/or Illinois; and that Wayfarer co-financed the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

58. Answering the allegations in paragraph 58 of the Complaint, denies that Baldoni served as a producer for the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant admits such allegations.

59. Answering the allegations in paragraph 59 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

60. Answering the allegations in paragraph 60 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

61. Answering the allegations in paragraph 61 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

62. Answering the allegations in paragraph 62 of the Complaint, Defendant admits Nathan is an individual who provides crisis management and communications services. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

63. Answering the allegations in paragraph 63 of the Complaint, Defendant admits TAG is a company that provides services relating to messaging and communications. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

64. Answering the allegations in paragraph 64 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Abel is an individual who provides public relations services. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

65. Answering the allegations in paragraph 65 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

66. Answering the allegations in paragraph 66 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

67. Answering the allegations in paragraph 67 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

68. Answering the allegations in paragraph 68 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

69. Answering the allegations in paragraph 69 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

70. Answering the allegations in paragraph 70 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

71. Answering the allegations in paragraph 71 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

72. Answering the allegations in paragraph 72 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

73. Answering the allegations in paragraph 73 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Wayfarer contracted with Jonesworks for certain communications and public relations services;

and that Defendant has alleged that he had a contract with the New York Times. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

74. Answering the allegations in paragraph 74 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

75. Answering the allegations in paragraph 75 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni launched Wayfarer, along with Sarowitz, in 2020; that Heath serves as Wayfarer's chief executive officer; that Sarowitz has contributed to the finances of Wayfarer; and that Baldoni and Heath co-hosted the *Man Enough* podcast. As to all remaining allegations, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the remaining allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

76. Answering the allegations in paragraph 76 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni serves as co-founder and co-chairman of Wayfarer; that he served as director and co-lead actor playing the role of Ryle Kincaid in the Film; and that Sony served as distributor for the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

77. Answering the allegations in paragraph 77 of the Complaint, Defendant admits production of the Film began in early May 2023, and lasted until it was suspended as a result of the WGA strike. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

78. Answering the allegations in paragraph 78 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

79. Answering the allegations in paragraph 79 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

80. Answering the allegations in paragraph 80 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

81. Answering the allegations in paragraph 81 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni and Lively filmed a slow dance scene for a montage scene. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

82. Answering the allegations in paragraph 82 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Lively called Baldoni a sociopath. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

83. Answering the allegations in paragraph 83 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that an article in the *Hollywood Reporter* contained the text quoted therein. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations, and specifically denies that the quoted language accurately reflects the scene.

84. Answering the allegations in paragraph 84 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

85. Answering the allegations in paragraph 85 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

86. Answering the allegations in paragraph 86 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

87. Answering the allegations in paragraph 87 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

88. Answering the allegations in paragraph 88 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

89. Answering the allegations in paragraph 89 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he was present during the filming of the birth scene. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

90. Answering the allegations in paragraph 90 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

91. Answering the allegations in paragraph 91 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

92. Answering the allegations in paragraph 92 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

93. Answering the allegations in paragraph 93 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

94. Answering the allegations in paragraph 94 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

95. Answering the allegations in paragraph 95 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

96. Answering the allegations in paragraph 96 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

97. Answering the allegations in paragraph 97 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

98. Answering the allegations in paragraph 98 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

99. Answering the allegations in paragraph 99 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

100. Answering the allegations in paragraph 100 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

101. Answering the allegations in paragraph 101 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

102. Answering the allegations in paragraph 102 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

103. Answering the allegations in paragraph 103 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

104. Answering the allegations in paragraph 104 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

105. Answering the allegations in paragraph 105 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

106. Answering the allegations in paragraph 106 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

107. Answering the allegations in paragraph 107 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

108. Answering the allegations in paragraph 108 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

109. Answering the allegations in paragraph 109 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

110. Answering the allegations in paragraph 110 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

111. Answering the allegations in paragraph 111 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

112. Answering the allegations in paragraph 112 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

113. Answering the allegations in paragraph 113 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

114. Answering the allegations in paragraph 114 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

115. Answering the allegations in paragraph 115 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

116. Answering the allegations in paragraph 116 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

117. Answering the allegations in paragraph 117 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

118. Answering the allegations in paragraph 118 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

119. Answering the allegations in paragraph 119 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

120. Answering the allegations in paragraph 120 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni and Heath are the Chairman and CEO of Wayfarer and that Baldoni was the director of the Film. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

121. Answering the allegations in paragraph 121 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

122. Answering the allegations in paragraph 122 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

123. Answering the allegations in paragraph 123 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

124. Answering the allegations in paragraph 124 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

125. Answering the allegations in paragraph 125 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

126. Answering the allegations in paragraph 126 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

127. Answering the allegations in paragraph 127 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

128. Answering the allegations in paragraph 128 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

129. Answering the allegations in paragraph 129 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

130. Answering the allegations in paragraph 130 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

131. Answering the allegations in paragraph 131 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

132. Answering the allegations in paragraph 132 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

133. Answering the allegations in paragraph 133 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

134. Answering the allegations in paragraph 134 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

135. Answering the allegations in paragraph 135 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

136. Answering the allegations in paragraph 136 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

137. Answering the allegations in paragraph 137 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

138. Answering the allegations in paragraph 138 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

139. Answering the allegations in paragraph 139 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

140. Answering the allegations in paragraph 140 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

141. Answering the allegations in paragraph 141 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the Film temporarily halted production in June 2023 as a result of WGA picketing. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

142. Answering the allegations in paragraph 142 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

143. Answering the allegations in paragraph 143 of the Complaint, Defendant admits such allegations.

144. Answering the allegations in paragraph 144 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

145. Answering the allegations in paragraph 145 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

146. Answering the allegations in paragraph 146 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that counsel for Lively provided Wayfarer's attorney with the document described therein on or about November 9, 2023. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

147. Answering the allegations in paragraph 147 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

148. Answering the allegations in paragraph 148 of the Complaint, Defendant admits the allegation that counsel for Wayfarer sent a communication containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the communication and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

149. Answering the allegations in paragraph 149 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

150. Answering the allegations in paragraph 150 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the document referenced therein contained the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the communication and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

151. Answering the allegations in paragraph 151 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

152. Answering the allegations in paragraph 152 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

153. Answering the allegations in paragraph 153 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni, Heath, Saks, Black, Gianetti, Lively, and Reynolds attended a meeting on January 4, 2024. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

154. Answering the allegations in paragraph 154 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

155. Answering the allegations in paragraph 155 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

156. Answering the allegations in paragraph 156 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to such allegations.

157. Answering the allegations in paragraph 157 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that production of the Film resumed on January 5, 2024 and concluded on February 9, 2024. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

158. Answering the allegations in paragraph 158 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of Lively's state of mind. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

159. Answering the allegations in paragraph 159 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

160. Answering the allegations in paragraph 160 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

161. Answering the allegations in paragraph 161 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

162. Answering the allegations in paragraph 162 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

163. Answering the allegations in paragraph 163 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Sony released the Film's trailer on May 16, 2024. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

164. Answering the allegations in paragraph 164 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

165. Answering the allegations in paragraph 165 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of such allegations.

166. Answering the allegations in paragraph 166 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

167. Answering the allegations in paragraph 167 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the Film grossed more than \$350 million; that the linked video quotes Sarowitz as making the quoted remarks; and that Wayfarer promoted the Film's addition to Netflix. As to the remaining allegations, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations, and specifically denies that the article and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

168. Answering the allegations in paragraph 168 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

169. Answering the allegations in paragraph 169 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

170. Answering the allegations in paragraph 170 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

171. Answering the allegations in paragraph 171 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the document attached as Exhibit C contains the quoted language set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the document and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

172. Answering the allegations in paragraph 172 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Lively and cast members promoted the Film during appearances on red carpets, interviews,

press junkets, fan events, and pop-up experiences leading up to the Film's release. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

173. Answering the allegations in paragraph 173 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni appeared at a trailer launch event in May 2024. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

174. Answering the allegations in paragraph 174 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that social media posts contained the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the posts and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

175. Answering the allegations in paragraph 175 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Heath sent an email containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the email and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

176. Answering the allegations in paragraph 176 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the state of mind of cast members other than Baldoni. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

177. Answering the allegations in paragraph 177 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

178. Answering the allegations in paragraph 178 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

179. Answering the allegations in paragraph 179 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

180. Answering the allegations in paragraph 180 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

181. Answering the allegations in paragraph 181 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

182. Answering the allegations in paragraph 182 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

183. Answering the allegations in paragraph 183 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

184. Answering the allegations in paragraph 184 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

185. Answering the allegations in paragraph 185 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

186. Answering the allegations in paragraph 186 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

187. Answering the allegations in paragraph 187 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

188. Answering the allegations in paragraph 188 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

189. Answering the allegations in paragraph 189 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

190. Answering the allegations in paragraph 190 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

191. Answering the allegations in paragraph 191 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

192. Answering the allegations in paragraph 192 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

193. Answering the allegations in paragraph 193 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

194. Answering the allegations in paragraph 194 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Wayfarer retained Nathan. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

195. Answering the allegations in paragraph 195 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

196. Answering the allegations in paragraph 196 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

197. Answering the allegations in paragraph 197 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

198. Answering the allegations in paragraph 198 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

199. Answering the allegations in paragraph 199 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

200. Answering the allegations in paragraph 200 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

201. Answering the allegations in paragraph 201 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

202. Answering the allegations in paragraph 202 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

203. Answering the allegations in paragraph 203 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

204. Answering the allegations in paragraph 204 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

205. Answering the allegations in paragraph 205 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

206. Answering the allegations in paragraph 206 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

207. Answering the allegations in paragraph 207 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

208. Answering the allegations in paragraph 208 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

209. Answering the allegations in paragraph 209 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

210. Answering the allegations in paragraph 210 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

211. Answering the allegations in paragraph 211 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

212. Answering the allegations in paragraph 212 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

213. Answering the allegations in paragraph 213 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

214. Answering the allegations in paragraph 214 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

215. Answering the allegations in paragraph 215 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

216. Answering the allegations in paragraph 216 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

217. Answering the allegations in paragraph 217 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

218. Answering the allegations in paragraph 218 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

219. Answering the allegations in paragraph 219 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

220. Answering the allegations in paragraph 220 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

221. Answering the allegations in paragraph 221 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

222. Answering the allegations in paragraph 222 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that TAG erroneously stated in its answer to Lively's initial complaint that TAG retained Wallace. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

223. Answering the allegations in paragraph 223 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

224. Answering the allegations in paragraph 224 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

225. Answering the allegations in paragraph 225 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

226. Answering the allegations in paragraph 226 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

227. Answering the allegations in paragraph 227 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

228. Answering the allegations in paragraph 228 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

229. Answering the allegations in paragraph 229 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a *Hollywood Reporter* article contained the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the article and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

230. Answering the allegations in paragraph 230 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

231. Answering the allegations in paragraph 231 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

232. Answering the allegations in paragraph 232 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

233. Answering the allegations in paragraph 233 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

234. Answering the allegations in paragraph 234 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

235. Answering the allegations in paragraph 235 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

236. Answering the allegations in paragraph 236 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

237. Answering the allegations in paragraph 237 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

238. Answering the allegations in paragraph 238 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a *Daily Mail* article contained the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the article and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

239. Answering the allegations in paragraph 239 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

240. Answering the allegations in paragraph 240 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

241. Answering the allegations in paragraph 241 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

242. Answering the allegations in paragraph 242 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

243. Answering the allegations in paragraph 243 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

244. Answering the allegations in paragraph 244 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni had a phone call to discuss services that Nathan and TAG might provide to Wayfarer and Baldoni. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the phone call and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

245. Answering the allegations in paragraph 245 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

246. Answering the allegations in paragraph 246 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

247. Answering the allegations in paragraph 247 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

248. Answering the allegations in paragraph 248 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

249. Answering the allegations in paragraph 249 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

250. Answering the allegations in paragraph 250 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

251. Answering the allegations in paragraph 251 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

252. Answering the allegations in paragraph 252 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

253. Answering the allegations in paragraph 253 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

254. Answering the allegations in paragraph 254 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

255. Answering the allegations in paragraph 255 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

256. Answering the allegations in paragraph 256 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

257. Answering the allegations in paragraph 257 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

258. Answering the allegations in paragraph 258 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

259. Answering the allegations in paragraph 259 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

260. Answering the allegations in paragraph 260 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

261. Answering the allegations in paragraph 261 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

262. Answering the allegations in paragraph 262 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

263. Answering the allegations in paragraph 263 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

264. Answering the allegations in paragraph 264 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

265. Answering the allegations in paragraph 265 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

266. Answering the allegations in paragraph 266 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

267. Answering the allegations in paragraph 267 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

268. Answering the allegations in paragraph 268 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

269. Answering the allegations in paragraph 269 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

270. Answering the allegations in paragraph 270 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a *Page Six* article was published bearing the headline quoted in the paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the article and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

271. Answering the allegations in paragraph 271 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a *Page Six* article was published containing the text quoted in the paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the article and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

272. Answering the allegations in paragraph 272 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

273. Answering the allegations in paragraph 273 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

274. Answering the allegations in paragraph 274 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

275. Answering the allegations in paragraph 275 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation that Baldoni sent communications containing the text quoted in the paragraph. As to all the remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

276. Answering the allegations in paragraph 276 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

277. Answering the allegations in paragraph 277 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such allegations.

278. Answering the allegations in paragraph 278 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegation that he made a proposal for a “line of attack on [Ryan] Reynolds.” Defendant admits that he wore a shirt depicting the text quoted therein, and that he appeared at the opening of the Wayfarer Foundation, as depicted on social media. Defendant denies all remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that his appearance, actions, social media appearance, and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

279. Answering the allegations in paragraph 279 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

280. Answering the allegations in paragraph 280 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

281. Answering the allegations in paragraph 281 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

282. Answering the allegations in paragraph 282 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

283. Answering the allegations in paragraph 283 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

284. Answering the allegations in paragraph 284 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

285. Answering the allegations in paragraph 285 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

286. Answering the allegations in paragraph 286 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he and Baldoni were “scheming” to “flip the narrative” against Lively. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

287. Answering the allegations in paragraph 287 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

288. Answering the allegations in paragraph 288 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

289. Answering the allegations in paragraph 289 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

290. Answering the allegations in paragraph 290 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

291. Answering the allegations in paragraph 291 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

292. Answering the allegations in paragraph 292 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

293. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

- a. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293a of the Complaint, Defendant admits that certain Wayfarer employees were in New York for reasons relating to the Film on August 5, 2024, but otherwise lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- b. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293b of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- c. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293c of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- d. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293d of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

- e. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293e of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- f. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293f of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- g. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293g of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- h. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293h of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- i. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293i of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- j. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293j of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- k. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293k of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

- l. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293l of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- m. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293m of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.
- n. Answering the allegations in paragraph 293n of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Jed Wallace was not a plaintiff in Case No. 25-cv-449 but denies Lively's characterization of the lawsuit and otherwise lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations except those which require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

294. Answering the allegations in paragraph 294 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Lively filed a complaint with the Civil Rights Department and sent a letter to the Wayfarer Parties on or about December 20, 2024. As to the remaining allegations, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

295. Answering the allegations in paragraph 295 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

296. Answering the allegations in paragraph 296 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

297. Answering the allegations in paragraph 297 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

298. Answering the allegations in paragraph 298 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

299. Answering the allegations in paragraph 299 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that news articles were published containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the articles and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

300. Answering the allegations in paragraph 300 of the Complaint, Defendant invokes the attorney-client privilege as to allegations relating to communications between himself and Freedman. As to the remaining allegations, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

301. Answering the allegations in paragraph 301 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegation that Nathan and Baldoni sent communications containing the text set forth in that paragraph. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

302. Answering the allegations in paragraph 302 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

303. Answering the allegations in paragraph 303 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

304. Answering the allegations in paragraph 304 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

305. Answering the allegations in paragraph 305 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that he has filed suit against Lively and the New York Times. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

306. Answering the allegations in paragraph 306 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has engaged in any retaliatory lawsuit or that his course of conduct in litigating this action has been improper. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

307. Answering the allegations in paragraph 307 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

308. Answering the allegations in paragraph 308 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

309. Answering the allegations in paragraph 309 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

310. Answering the allegations in paragraph 310 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that his First Amended Complaint appears on thelawsuitinfo.com. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

311. Answering the allegations in paragraph 311 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

312. Answering the allegations in paragraph 312 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

313. Answering the allegations in paragraph 313 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

314. Answering the allegations in paragraph 314 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni presented a TED Talk in which he delivered remarks containing the text set forth in the paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

315. Answering the allegations in paragraph 315 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni presented a TED Talk in which he delivered remarks containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

316. Answering the allegations in paragraph 316 of the Complaint, Defendant admits Baldoni announced a show called *Man Enough*. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant denies such allegations.

317. Answering the allegations in paragraph 317 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the show *Man Enough* included an episode that contained the language set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the show and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

318. Answering the allegations in paragraph 318 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that the podcast *Man Enough* included episodes that contained the language set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the podcast and its context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

319. Answering the allegations in paragraph 319 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni presented a TED Talk in which he delivered remarks containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

320. Answering the allegations in paragraph 320 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni has been quoted as making the remarks containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

321. Answering the allegations in paragraph 321 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni has been quoted as making the remarks containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

322. Answering the allegations in paragraph 322 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Baldoni and his counsel have been quoted as making the remarks containing the text set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the remarks and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

323. Answering the allegations in paragraph 323 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

324. Answering the allegations in paragraph 324 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

325. Answering the allegations in paragraph 325 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

326. Answering the allegations in paragraph 326 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

327. Answering the allegations in paragraph 327 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

328. Answering the allegations in paragraph 328 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

329. Answering the allegations in paragraph 329 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

330. Answering the allegations in paragraph 330 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

331. Answering the allegations in paragraph 331 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

332. Answering the allegations in paragraph 332 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

333. Answering the allegations in paragraph 333 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

334. Answering the allegations in paragraph 334 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

335. Answering the allegations in paragraph 335 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that a *TMZ* article was published containing the quoted text. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

336. Answering the allegations in paragraph 336 of the Complaint, Defendant denies any smear campaign by Defendants. As to all remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations.

337. Answering the allegations in paragraph 337 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

338. Answering the allegations in paragraph 338 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has made any attempt to create “an environment of hatred against Ms. Lively and her family.” As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

339. Answering the allegations in paragraph 339 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

340. Answering the allegations in paragraph 340 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has made any attempt to engage in “an intentionally seeded, cultivated and financed campaign against [Lively].” As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

341. Answering the allegations in paragraph 341 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

342. Answering the allegations in paragraph 342 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has made any attempt to engage in “a retaliation campaign against Ms. Lively.” As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

343. Answering the allegations in paragraph 343 of the Complaint, Defendant denies that he has made any attempt to engage in any campaign against Lively. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

344. Answering the allegations in paragraph 344 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

345. Answering the allegations in paragraph 345 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

346. Answering the allegations in paragraph 346 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegation that he conducted any campaign against Lively or any of her businesses. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations.

347. Answering the allegations in paragraph 347 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

348. Answering the allegations in paragraph 348 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

349. Answering the allegations in paragraph 349 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that he filed his First Amended Complaint on or about January 31, 2025. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

350. Answering the allegations in paragraph 350 of the Complaint, Defendant denies such allegations.

351. Answering the allegations in paragraph 351 of the Complaint, Defendant denies the allegations that Baldoni, Heath, or any of the Defendants sought to “destroy” Lively or any other person, or that they conducted a retaliatory campaign against Lively. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

352. Answering the allegations in paragraph 352 of the Complaint, Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations.

353. Answering the allegations in paragraph 353 of the Complaint, Defendant incorporates by reference his responses in the foregoing paragraphs.

354. Answering the allegations in paragraph 354 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

355. Answering the allegations in paragraph 355 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

356. Answering the allegations in paragraph 356 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

357. Answering the allegations in paragraph 357 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

358. Answering the allegations in paragraph 358 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

359. Answering the allegations in paragraph 359 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

360. Answering the allegations in paragraph 360 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

361. Answering the allegations in paragraph 361 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

362. Answering the allegations in paragraph 362 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

363. Answering the allegations in paragraph 363 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

364. Answering the allegations in paragraph 364 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

365. Answering the allegations in paragraph 365 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

366. Answering the allegations in paragraph 366 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

367. Answering the allegations in paragraph 367 of the Complaint, Defendant incorporates by reference his responses in the foregoing paragraphs.

368. Answering the allegations in paragraph 368 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

369. Answering the allegations in paragraph 369 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

370. Answering the allegations in paragraph 370 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

371. Answering the allegations in paragraph 371 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

372. Answering the allegations in paragraph 372 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

373. Answering the allegations in paragraph 373 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

374. Answering the allegations in paragraph 374 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

375. Answering the allegations in paragraph 375 of the Complaint, Defendant incorporates by reference his responses in the foregoing paragraphs.

376. Answering the allegations in paragraph 376 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

377. Answering the allegations in paragraph 377 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

378. Answering the allegations in paragraph 378 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

379. Answering the allegations in paragraph 379 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

380. Answering the allegations in paragraph 380 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

381. Answering the allegations in paragraph 381 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

382. Answering the allegations in paragraph 382 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

383. Answering the allegations in paragraph 383 of the Complaint, the allegations require no response because they merely state a legal conclusion. To the extent that any of the allegations in the paragraph require a response, Defendant denies such allegations.

384. Answering the allegations in paragraph 384 of the Complaint, Defendant incorporates by reference his responses in the foregoing paragraphs.

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451. Answering the allegations in paragraph 451 of the Complaint, Defendant admits that Freedman has been quoted in news articles as making the statements set forth in that paragraph. Defendant denies all of the remaining allegations in the paragraph, and specifically denies that the news articles and their context are characterized accurately in the Complaint.

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AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

By alleging the following affirmative and other defenses, Defendant is not in any way agreeing or conceding that he has the burden of proof or burden of persuasion on any of these issues. As separate and distinct defenses to Plaintiff's Complaint, and each purported cause of action contained therein, Defendant alleges as follows:

FIRST DEFENSE

470. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute any claim for relief against Defendant.

SECOND DEFENSE

471. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff lacks standing to sue.

THIRD DEFENSE

472. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff has waived her claims.

FOURTH DEFENSE

473. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff is estopped from asserting her claims.

FIFTH DEFENSE

474. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff acted and continues to act with unclean hands.

SIXTH DEFENSE

475. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff has not been damaged in any way or at all as a result of any alleged acts or omissions of Defendant.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

476. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred in whole or in part by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

477. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred by reason of Plaintiff's consent.

NINTH DEFENSE

478. The Complaint, and each claim alleged therein, is barred as Plaintiff has failed to undertake reasonable measures to mitigate the damages she claims to have incurred. Any recovery by Plaintiff must be diminished to the extent that any alleged damages could have been avoided if such measures had been undertaken.

TENTH DEFENSE

479. Defendant is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, that Plaintiff would be unjustly enriched if recovery were to be had on this Complaint.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE

480. Plaintiff has not been damaged in any amount alleged, or in any amount whatsoever, and is not entitled to any general, compensatory, statutory, punitive, or other damages or any other relief as a result of any of the allegations set forth in the Complaint.

TWELFTH DEFENSE

481. The acts and/or omissions of Plaintiff excused any alleged act or alleged failure to act on the part of Defendant.

THIRTEENTH DEFENSE

482. If Defendant had any alleged obligations or legal duties, which Defendant hereby expressly denies, Defendant has appropriately, completely, and fully performed and discharged any alleged obligations and any alleged legal duties arising out of the matters alleged in the Complaint.

FOURTEENTH DEFENSE

483. The damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff were directly and proximately caused solely by the acts or omissions of individuals or entities other than Defendant. The acts and omissions of such other individuals or entities are superseding or intervening causes of loss or damages, if any, suffered by Plaintiff. As a consequence thereof, Plaintiff is barred from recovery against Defendant herein.

FIFTEENTH DEFENSE

484. The damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff were directly and proximately caused solely by the reckless, negligent, and wrongful conduct of individuals or entities other than Defendant. As a consequence thereof, Plaintiff is barred from recovery herein.

SIXTEENTH DEFENSE

485. The damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff were directly and proximately caused solely by the intentional misconduct of individuals or entities other than Defendant. As a consequence thereof, Plaintiff is barred from recovery herein.

SEVENTEENTH DEFENSE

486. The Complaint fails to state facts sufficient to permit an award of punitive damages, and any such award would violate due process.

EIGHTEENTH DEFENSE

487. The Complaint, and each and every cause of action alleged therein, fails to state any facts supporting any claim for punitive or exemplary damages.

NINETEENTH DEFENSE

488. The Complaint, and each and every cause of action alleged therein, is barred in whole or in part because at all material times, Defendant acted in good faith and without malice based upon all relevant facts and circumstances known by Defendant at the time.

TWENTIETH DEFENSE

489. Plaintiff, and her agents, servants, and employees, has failed to bring the causes of action alleged in the Complaint in a timely manner and are therefore barred from recovery against Defendant, in whole or in part, by the equitable doctrine of laches.

TWENTY-FIRST DEFENSE

490. Defendant alleges that in the event he is found in some manner legally liable to Plaintiff as a result of the events or occurrences described in the Complaint, that liability will be solely based upon a derivative, vicarious, or imputed form of liability, not resulting from his own conduct, but instead based upon an obligation imposed upon him by law, or by the conduct of others, and as such the legal liability of Defendant would be proximately caused by the acts or omissions of others and therefore Defendant is entitled to recover contribution from them.

TWENTY-SECOND DEFENSE

491. Defendant alleges that in the event he is found in some manner legally liable to Plaintiff as a result of the events or occurrences described in the Complaint, that liability will be based solely upon a derivative, vicarious, or imputed form of liability, not resulting from his own conduct, but instead based upon an obligation imposed upon him by law, or by the conduct of

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TWENTY-THIRD DEFENSE

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TWENTY-FOURTH DEFENSE

493. Any injury or damage to Plaintiff, which Defendant specifically denies, was proximately caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentional conduct of others who acted as one or more of the Plaintiff's legal counsel, agents, or representatives. Accordingly, if any liability is found on the part of Defendant, then Defendant's liability to Plaintiff shall be reduced on the basis of comparative fault.

TWENTY-FIFTH DEFENSE

494. Any injury or damage to Plaintiff, which Defendant specifically denies, was proximately caused by the negligence of Plaintiff.

TWENTY-SIXTH DEFENSE

495. Plaintiff's alleged damages are too speculative to permit recovery in this case.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DEFENSE

496. The Complaint, and each and every cause of action alleged therein, is barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of *in pari delicto*.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DEFENSE

497. The Complaint, and each and every cause of action alleged against Defendant therein, fails to allege facts sufficient to allow recovery of attorney's fees from Defendant.

TWENTY-NINTH DEFENSE

498. Plaintiff's claims based upon California statutes are barred because Plaintiff does not allege that Defendant took any wrongful actions within the State of California.

RESERVATION OF ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

499. Defendant presently has insufficient knowledge or information on which to form a belief as to whether he may have additional, as yet unstated affirmative or other defenses available. Defendant reserves the right to assert additional defenses in the event that discovery indicates they would be appropriate.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendant Steve Sarowitz prays for relief as follows:

1. That the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice, and Plaintiff take nothing herein;
2. That judgment be entered in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff;
3. For costs of suit incurred in this action; and
4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant demands a jury trial on all causes of action so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 13, 2025
Los Angeles, CA

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